

language of said act, that the representative of the United States in said conference shall be qualified for the mission by eminence in the law and by devotion to the cause of peace, and said representatives shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

On adoption of the resolution in the committee, Senators Lodge, Borah, Brandegee, Kitch, Harding, New, and Moses, all Republicans, voted in the affirmative, and Senators Hitchcock, Williams and Pomeroy, Democrats, in the negative.

It was understood to be the plan of the majority leaders to let the resolution lie over in the Senate without any attempt to secure action until after the end of the recess early in January.

D'ANNUNZIO KICKS OVER TRACES AGAIN

Announces That He Will Remain in Command of Forces in Fiume.

FUME, Dec. 20.—The plebiscite that was to have been held here to determine whether the proposals made by Gen. D'Annunzio, the Italian Chief of Staff, for the settlement of the Fiume dispute, involving the withdrawal of the Italian forces and the occupation of the city by regular Italian troops, are being abandoned.

"D'Annunzio made public announcement last night that the plebiscite had been annulled. He declared he would himself remain in command of the city."

TRUNK MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

Hand Tabor Died From Illegal Operation, Coroner's Inquest Ends.

LAWTON, Mich., Dec. 20.—With the coroner's inquest complete and a verdict returned to the effect that Maud Tabor, whose body was found in a trunk in her home a month ago, died as the result of an illegal operation, county authorities are endeavoring to solve more deeply into the mystery-shrouded lives of the Tabor family.

Mrs. Sarah Tabor, whose story yesterday created a sensation at the coroner's inquest, although generally a reputation of her former claims, was still in custody, as were her son, Walter, and Joseph C. Vines, one of the men of the Tabor family.

Mrs. Tabor remains firm in her declaration that she did not know her daughter Maud was about to become a mother; that no operation was performed, in her knowledge, that she believed Maud accidentally took an antiseptic chloroform to bring about death.

Reward Offered for Bodies of slain Radical Socialists.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Ernst Sonnenberg, former Paymaster of the Government Brigade in Berlin and now interned in Holland, alleges that he was ordered to pay a reward of 50,000 marks for the delivery of the bodies of Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Radical Socialist leaders, in the Reichstag. Dr. Liebknecht and Frau Liebknecht were shot and killed by a mob in this city last January.

Fiume Plebiscite Postponed.

FUME, Dec. 20 (Associated Press).—The plebiscite by which it was intended to determine whether D'Annunzio's forces should leave Fiume was not held yesterday, as it was postponed by various factions and insubordination of the plebiscite committee.

The vote was postponed until more quiet conditions prevail. The voting probably will take place Sunday.

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MILLIONS SAVED TO NATION BY WATCH OVER WAR CLAIMS; WILFUL WASTE IS CHARGED

Representative Graham Gives Credit to Congress Investigations.

AUDIT HOLDS UP \$380,000

Extravagant Profits Reaped by Arrangements Made With Copper Producers.

By David Lawrence.

(Special Correspondent of the Evening World)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (Copy right, 1919).—Millions of dollars have been saved since the armistice and many more millions will be saved because of the vigilance which has been kept over the public purse in the settlement of war claims—and that vigilance, in the opinion of Representative Graham of Illinois, Republican, Chairman of the House Sub-Committee of Investigation of Expenditures in the War Department, is as much due to facts brought out during the Congressional investigation as to any other factor.

In view of the speech of Representative Garrett of Tennessee, giving the viewpoint of the Democrats toward the Republican investigation, which I outlined on Thursday, I asked Representative Graham to discuss the purpose of the investigation as he saw it and to tell what he hoped would be accomplished for the country by such an inquiry.

"I dislike as much as anybody else," began Mr. Graham, "to go around probing into the affairs of the War Department. I do not like destructive inquiries, but I think we have done something constructive in our investigation. For one thing, it has attracted the attention of the officers of the War Department, so they feel that a watchful eye is being kept on the way they settle claims. Since the investigation began, millions of dollars have been saved by the adoption of rules brought out by our investigation. Why, in one claim alone I know that \$280,000 was saved by compelling an audit. I hope that our inquiry will so attract the attention of Congress that subsequently a bill may be passed permitting the Government to reopen all claims which, after an examination by an impartial board, it is deemed advisable to reopen."

It would appear under the Dent act the opportunity to reopen claims is not given unless fraud is proved. But Col. Reeves of the War Department has informed Representative Graham that in any case in which too much salvage has been given or there has been wastage, the War Department can view the case as one of "constructive fraud" and at least reduce the amount of the claim.

Mr. Graham summarized the conclusions of the majority of the investigating committee this way:

"First, the interests of the Government in many cases have not been sufficiently guarded in such settlements."

"Second, certain rules have been adopted by the War Department Claims Board which, as administered, have had the effect of keeping for the Government in many cases large sums of money to which it is rightfully entitled."

"Third, large sums of money have been allowed to various contractors on settlements through unfair salvage values for raw materials and special facilities furnished by the Government."

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FAIL IN VIGILANCE.

"Fourth, in numerous instances Government officials charged with official responsibility have not exercised sufficient vigilance in the protection of the Government interests in such settlements."

Mr. Graham devoted particular attention to the profits of the copper companies, declaring that the arrangements entered into by the War Industries Board, of which Bernard M. Baruch was Chairman, was "extremely favorable to at least a few of the copper producers, and that from this arrangement and because of the necessity and demands of the Government during the war, those who operated these copper producing properties were enabled to make and did make extravagant and extraordinary profits."

Mr. Graham took a broad view of war contracts in general, saying that haste due to the war and the desire to get production led to the doing of some things which might have been avoided had there been more time. But he declared that this was all the

more reason why the War Department should be most careful in settling war claims.

"I stood one day in the mud of a ruined town in Northeastern France," concluded Representative Graham, "and saw a division of American boys go past through the mist toward the battle line that awaited them. As I looked at these young, healthy, clear-skinned boys with the sacred fire of youth in them, they who had so much to live for, I thought of the supreme sacrifice they were making for their country. What the rest of us did as compared to this was a mere bagatelle. There was no thought of profit or gain or percentage or personal returns. It was a pure and unselfish dedication of all they had to the country that has gained much credit in this old world of ours by having given them birth."

"And it does not seem exceedingly when I think of the economies and sacrifices of our people, when I remember what I saw in Flanders and France, to observe a careless disregard of the public rights and an ignorant and apparently wilful waste of public funds. Every cent we have must be carefully conserved. The times cry for the most stringent economy. We must not save our country only to see it become a bankrupt. It is the duty of every right-thinking man to guard in every possible way the public purse, and it matters not whether he be a member of a claims board or a member of the Congress of the United States."

Mr. Graham estimated that out of the \$100,000,000 involved in outstanding claims arising out of war contracts he would not be surprised if the sum were cut in half and a saving of at least \$50,000,000 effected. The investigation was intended not merely to find fault, he said, but to furnish a stimulus for post-bellum economy.

SECOND CONFESSION USED IN NEW TRIAL

Will Be Offered Monday Against Youth Accused of Killing Finance in California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—A second and more lengthy confession, alleged to have been made by Harry New, on trial for the murder of his sweetheart, Freda Leaser, will be offered as evidence when the case is resumed Monday.

The State's evidence probably will be completed by Monday night, according to Thomas Lee Woolwine, District Attorney. The trial probably will be finished by Christmas.

An important point, according to both sides, was made by the prosecution when Judge Gavin Craig permitted the introduction of one confession alleged to have been made by New. This was over his counsel's objection.

TRANSFERS FIVE-CENT SUIT.

Court Grants Yonkers Railway's Claim in Extra Fare Actions.

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 20.—Trial of the suit for five cents damages brought against the Yonkers Railway Company by Henry Koster, a wealthy resident of Yonkers, over an extra fare he paid was transferred to Putnam County today by Supreme Court Justice J. Edgar Sweeney. The company declared it could not get a fair trial in Westchester County.

Mr. Koster also sues for \$1,599.55 damages for being ejected from a trolley car when he declined to pay an extra nickel for riding from New York City to White Plains. The trolley was stopped at 242d Street to Getty Square, Yonkers. He says he was assaulted.

ADMIT ALIENS ON PROBATION

Representative Johnson Urges Stricter Law for Deportation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Tearing passage of a bill to deport alien members of the W. W. F. and organizations advocating overthrow of the Government, Representative Johnson, Republican, Chairman of the House Immigration Committee, today declared in the House that all foreigners coming to the United States "in the future must be carefully scrutinized."

HAVANA ENTRIES.

FIRST RATE 85,000,000 for 1919. SECOND RATE 100,000,000 for 1920. THIRD RATE 120,000,000 for 1921. FOURTH RATE 140,000,000 for 1922. FIFTH RATE 160,000,000 for 1923. SIXTH RATE 180,000,000 for 1924. SEVENTH RATE 200,000,000 for 1925. EIGHTH RATE 220,000,000 for 1926. NINTH RATE 240,000,000 for 1927. TENTH RATE 260,000,000 for 1928. ELEVENTH RATE 280,000,000 for 1929. TWELFTH RATE 300,000,000 for 1930.

Bill to Repeal Daylight Savings. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Repeal of daylight saving next year in the Eastern Atlantic zone is provided for in a bill Representative Archerman, New Jersey, introduced today.

MISS DELAFIELD MADE SECRETARY BY LA GUARDIA

Woman's Appointment Announced by President-Elect of Board of Aldermen.



MISS CHARLOTTE DELAFIELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congressman F. H. La Guardia, although he appeared to be debating whether or not to resign, is evidently to take office as President of the New York City Board of Aldermen Jan. 1, inasmuch as he announced today the appointment of Charlotte Delafield of No. 20 West 58th Street as secretary.

"Miss Delafield is an expert on municipal matters," said Mr. La Guardia. "She is a hard worker and has devoted much time to the study of conditions in New York. During the war she was attached to the French army and drove a motor. I have asked her to look up some pressing school matters and conditions in the Department of Correction that were brought to my attention."

ONE LOST HIS TEETH, ONE'S COW ATE TNT, HOUSE REPAYS BOTH

National Solons Buy McGarvey New Ivorys and Settle a Farmer's Claim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—This being the season of beneficence and truly temperate relaxation, the House of Representatives yesterday cast aside the many weighty questions before it, long enough to pass a bill to pay Michael McGarvey \$35 for a set of false teeth he lost last July.

Mr. McGarvey mislaid the teeth while working at the Quartermaster's Depot, Governor's Island, New York Harbor. The Government Compensation Commission refused his claim, but the benevolent House thought it proper to do a little post-war internal reconstruction.

Having passed a bill which, like the Volstead Act, has teeth in it, the House turned to a cow which got outside of, swallowed and consumed \$50 worth of Government dynamite at Willard, Washington. The cow remained intact, but died, for dynamite is indigestible. Government road builders were accused of contributory negligence in leaving the dynamite where the cow could get at it. The House voted to pay the owner of the cow \$60. Some members urged that \$120 be paid because the cow was doubly valuable while the dynamite was in her midst.

ONE YARD LAUNCHES SIX SHIPS TO-DAY

World's Record for Moore Plant as Ship Board Chairman Presses Button.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—By pressing a button here today Chairman Payne of the Shipping Board will send down the ways the first of six vessels to be launched in one day by the Moore Shipbuilding Yard at Oakland, Cal.

WOMAN HELD AS SHOPLIFTER ACCUSES STORE DETECTIVE.

Mrs. Josephine Gaudin, of No. 555 St. Ann Avenue, the Bronx, arraigned with her ten-year-old daughter Clara before Magistrate Simms in Morrisania Court today for shoplifting, asserted that the detective of the Adams Express Company, department store at Third Avenue and Westchester Avenue, had snatched her from the sales checks which would show she had paid for \$6.67 worth of goods also was accused of stealing \$1.00.

CARRANZA TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF STATE OF COAHUILA.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 20.—President Carranza has formally accepted the candidacy for the governorship of the State of Coahuila offered him last week by petition from the people of the cities of Piedras Negras, Matamoros, Cuatro Ciénegas, Miquihuana, and Torreon, according to information received here tonight from Mexico City. The President will not make an active campaign until the expiration of his present office next July.

VILLA'S FORCES APPROACHING RIO GRANDE, CHASED BY FEDERALS.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—Pancho Villa and his bandit forces are approaching the Rio Grande with Mexican Federal troops in close pursuit. General Barragán, Minister of War, announced.

MEET US WEAR DIAMONDS

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Capt. Ross Smith has completed his flight from London to Melbourne, according to a message from that city today. He won a \$10,000 prize offered by the Australian Government.

NEARLY 10 BILLION LOANED TO ALLIES; MAY FUND INTEREST

Glass Says Payment Would Cripple Foreign Governments and React Against U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Loans to foreign governments during the period from April 25, 1917, to Nov. 15, 1918, total \$9,647,419,494, according to the annual report of Secretary Glass on Dec. 5, made up as follows:

Belgium	\$3,647,419,494
Cuba	15,000,000
Czechoslovakia	55,350,000
France	3,947,974,777
Great Britain	4,277,000,000
Greece	48,236,423
Italy	1,620,923,782
Lithuania	6,000,000
Rumania	25,000,000
Russia	187,729,750
Serbia	26,750,463
Total	\$9,647,419,494

Mr. Glass asked for authority to fund the interest on all foreign loans, as well as, he said, there was no doubt as to the stability of the Allied Governments, they could not pay the heavy interest without crippling themselves financially and this would react against the United States.

BRONX GAS FIGHT TO BE CONTINUED

Decision Gives Company Right to Prove Present Statutory Limitation of \$1 Is Contingent.

Delegations from the Bronx called on District Attorney Martin today to urge him to continue the fight against the proposed increase of gas rates to \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet. Many interpreted the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court as giving the Bronx Gas & Electric Company authority to charge \$1.50, but District Attorney Martin said the decision merely gave the company the right to prove in a court of equity that the present statutory limitation of \$1 is contingent.

"We still believe that we have a good case, as it does not seem reasonable to suppose that gas which sells for 30 cents per thousand cubic feet in other parts of the city is worth \$1.50 in the Bronx," said the prosecutor.

U. S. OFFICER KILLED BY THUGS AT BREST

Lieut. Cleave, of Philadelphia, Dies From Injuries—Lieut. Nevin Shot in Leg.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Lieut. John Campbell Cleave, twenty-eight years old, of this city, prominent socially, has been killed in Brest, France, by thugs. He had survived a wound and severe gassing at the battlefield and was waiting for a boat to bring him home. With two companions he was attacked last Sunday night when leaving a concert. He died the following day.

This news was contained in a cable message to his parents, and confirmed by another from the United States.

KOLCHAK THREAT REPORTED

Will Turn to Japan if Other Allies Abandon Russia.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—A report from Basle says Admiral Kolchak, head of the Russian Anti-Bolshevik Government in Siberia, has notified the United States that in the event the Allies decide to abandon Russia he will be compelled to side part of Siberia to Japan in return for Japanese aid against the Bolsheviks.

GERMANY PAYS THE ALLIES.

Erzberger Reports Delivery of Great Part of First \$5,000,000,000.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Matthias Erzberger, Vice Premier and Minister of Finance, reports to the Reichstag assembly that a great part of the \$5,000,000,000 marks in gold, about \$5,000,000,000 payable to the Allies under the terms of the Peace Treaty, had already been delivered.

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BERGER RE-ELECTED FOR CONGRESS SEAT BY 4,806 MAJORITY

Socialist Denied Seat in House Says He Does Not Care If Barred Again.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Victor L. Berger, Socialist, has been re-elected to Congress from the Fifth Wisconsin District, having defeated Henry H. Bodenshatz, Republican, running as a Fusion candidate, by 4,806 votes.

The complete unofficial vote compiled today gave Berger 24,367 and Bodenshatz, 19,561. In the election of 1918, Berger received a plurality of 5,507 in a three-sided contest, the Republicans and Democrats having candidates in the field. Berger's total in that election was 17,822, while the two opposition candidates combined polled 22,864 votes.

Should the House again refuse to seat Berger, the Fifth Wisconsin District will not be represented in Congress until after the regular election in 1920, Gov. E. L. Philipp announced today.

MOVE TO PUT BERGER BACK IN JAIL AT ONCE

Federal Prosecutor Says He Has Evidence Congressman-Elect Broke Promise to Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—United States District Attorney Clynne is preparing to go before the District Court of Appeals and demand that Victor L. Berger, who was re-elected to Congress yesterday in the Fifth Wisconsin District, be remanded to jail.

"Mr. Berger and his four co-defendants—Engdahl, Gerner, Kruse and Tucker—each specifically promised Judge Abscherer that they would refrain either by word or deed from any demonstration such as those upon which they were convicted," Mr. Clynne said.

"We have evidence that Mr. Berger has violated the stipulation. I am preparing to go before the District Court of Appeals and demand upon this evidence that he be remanded to jail."

MORE CLAIMS BY REDS.

The Capture of 2,500 Prisoners Is Now Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Bolshevik, southwest of Tomsk, has been captured, with 2,500 prisoners, by the Bolsheviks, according to an official statement issued at Soviet headquarters at Moscow. The statement says that on the western front an engagement is being fought 14 miles southwest of Narva, south of the Gulf of Finland.

TO AID EX-SERVICE MEN.

Free Surgical or Medical Treatment for Those Needing It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The War Department's Service and Information Bureau announces that former service men in need of medical or surgical treatment, because of illness or injury contracted in the Army or Navy, can enter an Army or public health service hospital or local civilian sanatorium, with all expenses paid by the Government.

Discharged service men should apply to the nearest Army hospital or local representative of the public health service for examination, or consult Red Cross representatives for State and municipal health officers.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

FREE REFORMATION, CARMINE HALL, SUNDAY MORNING, 10 A.M.

"HAVE JEWS BURNED THE WORLD?" ALL ARE WELCOME

DIED.

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KIEV BOLSHEVISTS CRUCIFY VICTIMS, REFUGEES REPORT

Others Said to Have Been Burned Alive in Effort to Extort Confessions.

GENEVA, Dec. 20.—Nine Swiss citizens of both sexes, including Mme. Jenni, sister of the Swiss Consul at Kiev, have just returned from Kiev by the way of Constantinople, and say they suffered terribly and witnessed great horrors during a year's residence in Russia under Bolshevik rule.

The Swiss party was separated at Marietta from a band of refugees which included two Americans, six English and a number of French nationals.

The refugees, who were liberated

by forces commanded by Gen. Denikin, told the Associated Press correspondents that Bolsheviks employed torturers at the Middle Ages against the innocent, and said they believed they would have suffered the same treatment if it had not been for the energetic action of the Swiss Consul.

Confessions and burning alive were resorted to by the Bolsheviks to obtain false confessions, according to the refugees, who said strangers lived in daily peril. The Bolsheviks, they said, have taken all their furniture and clothes, and they considered the vessel that conveyed them to Constantinople under protection of the American Red Cross "a paradise."

Many Russian bourgeois who have been thrown into prison have become mad. Several British, American and French citizens are in Kiev, which has again fallen into the hands of the Bolsheviks.

\$100,000 Hotel Fire at Bennington, Vt.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 20.—The Cotnam Hotel, the Bennington garage and the laundry plant of J. H. Powers were destroyed by fire early today. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. (Sheet of the hotel had ample warning and was able to protect themselves against the fire.)

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